

**Franklin High School PTSO Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2015**

PTSO Executive Board Members in attendance:

Linda Darby – Co-President

John Felix – Co-President

Vanessa Flewellen – Membership Coordinator / Acting Treasurer

Connie Williams – Recording Secretary

FHS Educators & Administrators in Attendance:

Dr. Thomas DiGanci – FHS Interim Principal

PTSO Co-President Linda Darby called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. in the library at FHS.

Co-Presidents Update / John Felix & Linda Darby

Linda provided the President's Council meeting talking points:

- a) Student Achievement through collaborative partnership was presented by Dr. Alex Kharazi
- b) 2015-2016 district calendar concerns
- c) Nominations for the Council's 2015 – 2016 President and Secretary
- d) Proposed Committee Bylaws (review and /or adoption)

The final President's Council meeting will take place on June 22, 2015.

The PTSO Staff Appreciation breakfast was a resounding success. The fruit, healthy snacks and other breakfast items were much appreciated by more than 200 teachers, administrators and staff alike. A lovely thank you card was sent to the PTSO on behalf of the FHS staff. The PTSO also received 'thank you' emails from administrators and teachers.

Minutes/Connie Williams

The minutes from the April 14th general membership meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept and approve the minutes was made by Vanessa Flewellen and seconded by Kai Leung.

Treasurers Report/Vanessa Flewellen

Our beginning balance was \$2,492.53 and ending balance is \$1,809.41. Current PTSO revenue is \$686.04 (excluding teacher support funds). A motion to accept and approve the minutes was made by Connie Williams and seconded by Kai Leung.

Principal's Corner/Dr. DiGanci

- Athletics: The girls' basketball team made it to the semi-finals and the girls' track team won first place at the Skyland Conference.
- Tonight is our final concert - the Spring Choral Concert
- On Wednesday, May 13th the Somerset County Scholar Athlete dinner will be at the Doubletree Hotel
- On Thursday, May 14th the National Honor Society Induction will take place
- On Friday, May 15th we will have the promenade and the Senior prom
- Parents should be on the lookout for a year end activity email
- PARCC testing will be completed this week

- AP (Advanced Placement) testing finishes on Friday. Over 500 students participated. We are adding a new social studies AP class titled, “Political Science – Modern Government & Politics”
- On Monday, May 11th a committee visited Morristown High School to observe and explore the option of having a common lunch period for all students. This would be for the 2017 – 2018 school year.
- June 5th – The Aspects AVA’s (Audio Video Awards) will take place
- A committee was convened to investigate holding future graduations here at FHS instead of at the Sun National Bank Center in Trenton. The new Superintendent of schools, Dr. John Ravally, will review all recommendations regarding a possible change of venue for future graduations.
- Principal Eileen Brett is retiring from SGS (Sampson G. Smith) in June 2015
- Principal Adams retired from FMS (Franklin Middle School)

New Business

- Nominations for new PTSO executive board members are as follows, with the elections to take place in June for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

Co-Presidents: Linda Darby and John Felix

Treasurer: Connie Williams

Recording Secretary: Vanessa Flewellen

Membership Coordinator: Kai Leung

- Kai Leung reports that there was a CyberPatriot (the National Youth Cyber Education Program), meeting held on April 27th. Parents were enthusiastic and recruitment has begun in earnest.

Motion to adjourn made by Vanessa Flewellen at 7:34PM. Motion seconded by Connie Williams.

Minutes submitted by Connie Williams